

REMARKS

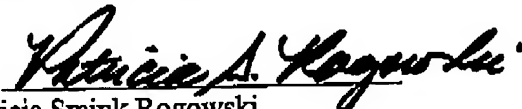
Applicant requests the Examiner to reconsider the application as amended. Claims 2 to 7, 9 to 13 and 15 to 23 are pending. Claims 1, 8 and 14 have been cancelled without prejudice to filing a continuing application. Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 1. Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate the limitations from claim 14. Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17 and 18 have been amended to correct claim dependency.

The Examiner has allowed claims 19 to 23, and has indicated that claims 6, 7 and 15 are objected to, but contain allowable subject matter. Applicant thanks the Examiner for confirming that these claims are allowable. Applicant has amended the claims to delete the rejected claims and present the allowed claims in proper claim format. As such, all pending claims are either allowed or contain subject matter the Examiner has indicated to be allowable. A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fees are due. Nevertheless, should the Director determine that any fees are due before the Examiner may consider this paper, such as a fee for an extension of time, such extension is requested and the Director is authorized to debit our Deposit Account No. 03-2775 for the fee amount.

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